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2015 Schedule of Meetings:

Mar. 4th, Apr. 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 8 (*due to July 1st being Canada Day*), Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, and Dec. 2nd.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. N0B 2K0.

2015 Annual Membership Fee NOW DUE:

Regular $10
Couple $12
Junior (14 to age 18) $5
Under 14 Free

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South Wellington Coin Society

founded in 1997

NEXT MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 4TH, 2015
DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.
MEETING STARTS **7 P.M.**
THEME: IRISH BANKNOTES

THE WELLINGTON CIRCULAR

South Wellington Coin Society Monthly Newsletter

Editor's Message

Our next meeting is Wednesday, MARCH 4TH, 2015 AT **7 P.M.** (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)! Theme is Irish Banknotes. Below is the 1938 Bank of Ireland "Ploughman" One Pound Note.

- Welcome **Clive Cresswell** who joined our club at our December meeting.
- We also welcome **Dwayne Spears** to our meeting who has since discovered a connection with me, your Editor, in that his parents were customers of my employer for many years, and were also involved in the founding of a trade group we organized.
- Interesting follow up to **Scott Douglas's** *Did You Know*—**Alfred Sandham** article in our Nov. *Wellington Circular* newsletter is post-confirmation that **Todd Sandham** of *Colonial Acres Coins* is related, in that **Alfred** is his Great-Great-Grandfather! Coin collecting runs deep in the **Sandham** family lines. On another note, **Todd** mentioned **Alfred** had a brother who was a noted artist (**Henry "Hy" Sandham** 1842-1910 Canadian painter and illustrator). We are always happy to have *Colonial* support our shows as a dealer, much appreciated!
- Thank you **Gord Parker** for the lovely animated Thank You and Greeting card sent to your Editor, it was very much appreciated.
- Remember our SWCS annual spring show is in March, see page 13 for flyer.

Meeting Set-up / Clean-up:
Club Members present at meeting

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Articles of the upcoming newsletters are due to the Editor by no later than the 15th of the current month.

Advertising space will be accommodated where space is available.

SWCS:
Was founded in March 1997.

Local / Special Coin Shows & Conventions

- **2015-Jan-11**, Woodstock, **Nostalgia Show & Sale**: 875 Nellis Street (fairgrounds), hours 10-3, admission $5 (under 12 is Free), up to 200 tables (coins, tokens, paper money, coupons, militaria, sports memorabilia, and more), phone: 519-426-8875, e-mail toyshow@kwic.com.
- **2015-Jan-16-18**, Toronto, **UNIPEX Coin & Stamp Show**: 1677 Wilson Ave. (Hwy 401/400, Plaza Hotel, phone: 416-242-5900, e-mail unitrade@rogers.com.
- **2015-Jan-24-25**, Hamilton, **CAND Annual Show**: 116 King St. West, 10-5 Sat., 10-4 Sun., admission $3, numismatic auction on Sat. and military auction on Sun., phone: 519-271-8825, e-mail cand@cogeco.ca.
- **2015-Feb-1**, Paris, **SWON**: 139 Silver St. (fairgrounds), more than 55 tables (30 dealers), admission $3 includes draw ticket on gold coin, phone 519-442-3474 / 1-866-747-2646, e-mail tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.
- **2015-Feb-14-15**, Toronto, **TOREX**: 370 King St. W. (Hyatt Regency), 10-5 Sat., 10-3 Sun., admission $7 (under 16 is Free), largest Canadian numismatic show (coins, ancients, paper money, tokens, supplies, books), phone: 416-705-5348, e-mail brian@torex.net.
- **2015-Feb-21**, Oshawa, **COIN-A-RAMA**: 285 Taunton Rd. E. At Ritson (Five Points Mall), hours 9:30-5, hourly draws, free admission and parking, sponsor Oshawa & District Coin Club, phone: 905-728-1352, e-mail papman@bell.net.
- **2015-Mar-21**, Cambridge, **Waterloo Coin Society Annual Show**: 1500 Dunbar Rd. (Newfoundland Club), hours 9-4, free admission and parking, portion of proceeds donated to charitable organization, phone: 519-577-7206, e-mail robb4640@hotmail.com.
- **2015-Apr-17-19**, Niagara Falls, **Ontario Numismatic Association Annual Convention**: see registration and details at www.the-ona.ca.
- **2015-July-22-26**, Halifax, **Royal Canadian Numismatic Association** with **Halifax & Regional Coin Club**, visit www.rcna.ca for details and registration.

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http://www.trajan.ca/showbbs/ccn.pl

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Club Report & News reported by **Mike Hollingshead**, photos courtesy of **Scott Douglas**

Here's SWCS Dec. 3rd meeting report :

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to a number of people who contributed to the success of our December meeting:
Once again..

- to **Dwayne Spears** for another donation of coffee for the club, **Mel Brown** will put that to good use in the coming months;
- to **Judy Blackman** for her generous donation of door draw items of superlative quality, her proxied donation of a food basket and support through her business for additional Food Bank assistance; and
- to **Heather Horne** for connecting the club to the Rockwood Food Bank and arranging to have a food bank volunteer come to collect our goodies. I am always amazed at the level of community work **Heather** does.

Jane Wahl attended our meeting on behalf of the Rockwood Food Bank. **Jane** does community work with young children and works at the food bank also. She told us a bit about the food bank and why it is important to support those in need, often on a temporary basis while they get back on their feet. Thank you Jane and we hope to see more of you! She accepted our food donations, gift card and cash. We committed to support the Rockwood Food Bank in coming years at Christmas, what a great club! Thank you to **Scott Douglas** for co-ordinating the pick up and suggesting the club provide an annual gift card.

Message from **Andrea Le Grand**, Co-ordinator Community Support, Rockwood East Wellington Community Services:

"I just wanted to send you a quick note of thanks for your fantastic donation to the Rockwood Food Bank. A few weeks ago, **Heather** contacted me to say that she was very upset to hear about our break-in back in October. Feeling the need to take action, she co-ordinated a food drive with the South Wellington Coin Society. The results were amazing! Thank you to SWCS members who together donated more than 200 pounds of quality food and toiletries. Food Banks Canada states that every pound of food has a dollar value of approximately $2.50. That would mean that the SWCS's food drive represents more than $500 worth of food. That is amazing! Even more amazing, is the $200 worth of gift cards to Wal-Mart which will allow our food bank clients to shop for food. Gift cards provide the opportunity for people to choose the products they require, allowing them to shop with dignity – a priceless gift! **Heather**, you are a truly remarkable woman. You had an incredible idea to help people remember the true meaning of Christmas. The SWCS has done a great job making Christmas a little brighter for the people in their community. Thank you all for thinking of us and giving us the tools to help those struggling in our community. Wishing you and your families a wonderful Christmas!"

Membership Dues:

SWCS members who paid their 2015 dues by / at our Dec. 2014 meeting were entered into a special draw. Those who renewed at the end of 2013 for our 2-year special club membership renewal, were also automatically entered in the draw. Winner of the subscription to Canadian Coin News (CCN) is **Ray Zoethout** who will use it to extend his current subscription by a year. Congratulations **Ray**! **Scott Douglas** has already spoken to CCN and is hoping to run another offer similar next year for members. If you have yet to submit your 2015 dues, please remember to have them in at our March 2015 meeting at the latest!!

Speakers / Presentations:

- December's Presentation was a PowerPoint authored by **John Semedo**. **John** cleverly erased the names of the issuing authority from a set of 25 different bank-notes. Members were asked to identify the country that issued the notes based on language, denomination, currency, icons, emblems, etc. Nearly all nations were identified by our members, indicating how well our educational programs are working! We all had a laugh when **John's** erasure failed to foil **Albert Dayeh** who reads Arabic script!! Well done members and thanks to **John** for a most interesting program!
- Our March 4th, 2015 meeting: With St. Patrick's Day being celebrated we thought we would treat you to the next best thing to Irish Whiskey - Irish Banknotes! An ONA PowerPoint presentation entitled "Modern Banknotes of Ireland" will be shown. Make sure to attend to get a better understanding of the Bank of Ireland.
- April 1st, 2015, will be "All Things Timothy Eaton" presented by **Judy Blackman** and assisted in her display by **Scott Douglas**. Time permitting there may also be a Fun April Fool's Day Show contributed by **Mike Hollingshead**, although he won't be present.
- May 6th, 2015, we are looking for a volunteer who would like to cover a numismatic interest.

Treasurer's 2014 Year-end Report:

Scott Douglas delivered the current treasurers report and showed members where their money was, went and why. All in all a good year for SWCS with shows paid up until 2017

Club Report & News continued

and good auction material upcoming in the spring. Members are invited to email Scott for a copy of the report should they choose.

December Draw Winners:

- Members Draw: Lightning Strikes Twice! And she got burned again, as twice in as many months **Robin Semedo's** name was draw and answered by blank stares from the crowd. **Robin** passed up on $25 so the draw in March will be for **$30**, the highest we've ever awarded (maybe). So let's all be out in March to applaud the winner, it may even be you!
- King Arthur's Treasure: A combined total of over 70 items was won by **Ron Zelk** (also second month in a row).
- Door Draws: The return of real prizes for our door draw put smiles on the faces of these winners, Dwayne Spears (who won the 1 yr CAWMC membership), Peter H-D, Clive Cresswell, Ernie Blair, Lowell Wierstra and Ron Zelk.
- March, April and May meetings will see us have 2 winners of a 50-50 draw.

Recording of the Meeting:

As **Mike Hollingshead** will miss our March and April meetings as a result of being at his other home in Cuba for approx. 12 weeks, **John Semedo** will be recording these meeting minutes. Now **Mike** won't be lapping up the sun in full leisure, he will be selling coffee for 2-4 cents a "copita" marketing cappuccino and expresso to the tourist trade, as the cafe is located in **Banes** (a municipality and city in the Holguín Province of Cuba) in a wooden colonial building right across the park square from the art-deco church where **Fulgencio Batista y Zaldívar** was christened and Fidel Alejandro Castro Ruz had his first marriage (**Mirta Diaz Balart**)! **Mike** says he'll bring back photos! Maybe he'll find some interesting coins in his tips and can share stories about them too! He's still a few years away from fibre-optic cable reaching him in Cuba, so **Mike** won't be responding to e-mails while he's gone.

Monthly Auction:

The commission charged to consignors: Sold for under $20, auction fee is 25 cents and items sold for over $20 fee is $1. Pretty simple. No buyers premium, no sales tax. Bring your items to consign to the meeting or contact **Lowell** at ljwierstra@rogers.com or phone 519-824-6534! Please use the new consignment form. SWCS recently purchased 3 collections from the estates of 3 non-SWCS members, and we look forward to offering you a wider variety of items during the 2015 year.

S.S. Gairsoppa

These 1 oz. rounds are made from recovered sunken treasure from the S.S. Gairsoppa, raised to the surface by Odyssey Marine Exploration. Each round comes encapsulated. The SS Gairsoppa was a steel hulled British steam merchant ship that was built and launched in 1919, likely named after Gersoppa falls in India. Owned by the British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd of London it had been a civilian merchant ship until it was enlisted for the war effort as a cargo ship for war supplies.

During a supply voyage that began in December, 1940, she was loaded with silver ingots, pig iron and tea sailing from Calcutta, India to Britain. The Gairsoppa had sailed around the Cape in South Africa to the South Atlantic where she met up with a fleet of other merchant ships at the port of Freetown in Sierra Leone under Master Gerald Hyland. She was to sail from there to Galway, Ireland where the cargo would be offloaded.

But not long after leaving Sierra Leone the fleet was beset by high winds and heavy surf in the open waters of the Atlantic. The Gairsoppa began to run low on coal and was forced to separate from the rest of the fleet in order to make a more direct route to Galway. She never arrived. On February 16, 1941, the S.S. Gairsoppa was spotted by a German Focke-Wulf Fw 200 aircraft and was subsequently torpedoed on February 17 by a German U-boat designation U-101 under the command of Ernst Mengersen and sank with 85 hands lost. 1 life boat under the charge of the second officer, R.H. Ayres managed to escape with 6 other crew members, but only Ayres was pulled from the sea alive after the boat capsized.

For almost 70 years the Gairsoppa sat at the bottom of the sea, nearly 3 miles deep in the Atlantic Ocean about 300 miles Southwest of the Irish coast. After a couple unsuccessful attempts to find a salvage crew on September 26, 2011, Florida-based Odyssey Marine Exploration confirmed the identity and location of the Gairsoppa. Recovery began and as of July 23, 2013 a reported 61 tons of silver bullion had been recovered. The majority of the silver recovered (3 of 4 lots) was .915 pure Dore (partly refined) bars.

Grace Annie Lockhart (1855—1916)

Mount Allison Archives, Picture Collection, 2007

A native of Saint John and daughter of Susan Whittiker and Edward Lockhart, Grace studied at the Mount Allison Westleyan College—Ladies Academy (Sackville, N.B.), qualifying for a liberal arts diploma in 1874. However, it was her achievement of the degree, Bachelor of Science and English Literature, on May 25, 1875, that propelled her into the history books. Not only was this a "first" for Canada; Lockhart became the first woman in the then British Empire (now Commonwealth), to receive a university degree.

At the time, the event did not receive much local attention. There were reasons, bound up in the society of the day, for this low key approach. Many students were equal of their male counterparts, they passed the same examinations, so why should they not be admitted to the same degrees? Although her later life was spent in a more conventional role, as the wife of the Methodist Minister J. L. Dawson, Lockhart's academic achievement as a student provided clear evidence of the justice of women's claim to full rights in the field of higher education.

This 1875—1975 Mount Allison Grace Annie Lockhart medal in case of issue was produced by Jacques Cartier Mint.

Class of 1875 below.

Samuel John Dixon

(Photographer)

Did You Know… that often a non numismatic item can open the door to a wonderful numismatic story?

Recently I picked up an old cabinet photo at an antique mall. The photo was of a woman posing in the studio of Toronto, Ontario photographer S.J. Dixon. Dixon's gallery was located at 4 King St. W., the corner of King and Yonge streets, a very busy and prime location in the late 1800's. It was the back of the photo that intrigued me most because there was an image of a Toronto Industrial Exhibition medal and a statement by Dixon that his 'Electric Light Photo Gallery' had received the highest award at the Toronto, Kingston and Hamilton exhibitions. This photograph would have been taken sometime between 1880 and 1885. Photography, during this period, was an enterprise struggling to be defined as a hobby or a an actual career. Most professional photographers across Canada found that they could not make a living and had to have additional income to carry on. During this time, especially in rural areas, one would have gone to the local merchant or druggist to sit for their photo.

However, Samuel Dixon had achieved a degree of success with a process strategically incorporating electric light. This process was described by Dixon in detail; *To make a good negative diffused light, and plenty of it, is necessary. I have tried from one to eight lamps, but have finally adopted four and am perfectly satisfied with the results obtained through them. One I place at a height of eight feet, exactly above the sitter, giving a soft and diffused light all over the subject; two are somewhat removed and placed at a height of seven feet, giving effects of general light and shade, modulation and roundness. The fourth at a distance of five feet from the floor and still further removed from the subject, serves for the sidelight.* Dixon goes on to say that with further methods to diffuse the light one could *complete an arrangement that equals natural light in every respect.* Dixon's process would now enable him to take a photograph with *no change of expression and in one second.*

Samuel J Dixon was born in 1852 in New York City. He established his photography gallery in Toronto in 1872 and located at 191 ½ Yonge St. At one time there was another photographer named James Dixon located nearby at 201-203 Yonge St. Samuel took exception to James Dixon riding his coat tails and began to refer to his own gallery as 'The Dixon' pointing out that his gallery was not connected with any other gallery of the same name. In 1884 Dixon had ten employees in his gallery.

Samuel Dixon was a founding member of the Photographic Association of Canada which had formed January 24, 1884 in Toronto. At the inaugural meeting S. J. Dixon was appointed to the Executive Committee along with two other prominent Toronto photographers. Later Dixon was elected to sit as one of three Vice Presidents. Dixon had also been a long standing member of the American Photographers Association and often travelled by train to the United States to attend convention meetings and to exhibit gallery photos. Several times his exhibits won prizes. It was on one of these trips to a meeting of the American Photographers Association in early 1890 that Dixon came up with an idea that would change his life forever. While his train sat on the Cantilever bridge at Niagara Falls, waiting to enter the United States Dixon looked out of his window and noticed the cable that the tightrope walker Stephen Peer had used three years earlier. Peer successfully crossed the Niagara River here on June 23, 1887. After two nights of celebrating his victory conflicting stories have Peer either climbing on his cable in the night wearing street shoes or falling asleep on the precipice under the cable and rolling off the cliff.

Whichever story may be correct, the end result was that Peer was found bleeding and lifeless on the rocks below the cable. While Dixon starred at the ¾ inch cable an idea formed in his mind. That night he announced to his fellow photographers that he was going to walk across the Niagara River gorge, 190 feet over the wildest part of the Whirlpool Rapids, using Peer's cable. Dixon was a natural sportsman and prided himself in being physically fit but even his close friends did not believe he would attempt something as daring as this. After practicing only a few times out on Hanlan's Point on the Toronto Islands Dixon arrived in Niagara Falls in early September to make his crossing attempt. The cable of 925 feet was pulled tight and lost sandbags and guy ropes were added to bring it up to contemporary standard. A large British flag floated at the Canadian end and an American flag graced the American side. Dixon had notified all his photographer friends so the event could be well recorded. Accounts claim that there were over 1000 photographers on the Cantilever bridge as a crowd of 5000 people looked on. It was anticipated that Dixon would not go through with the feat and when he was not present fifteen minutes before the scheduled crossing most felt this would be the case. However, about ten minutes before the announced 3:30 PM start on September 6, 1890, Dixon appeared. He made some checks and spoke a few words to a photographer who had arranged a camera on the cliff. Dixon then went back to his nearby hotel, returning moments later dressed in yellow tights, red silk stockings, a black coat and a black silk cap. Grabbing his 30 pound 22 foot balancing pole, made from fitted gas pipes, Dixon waved to the crowd and set out, a little shaky at first and then taking complete command.

Stopping periodically to lay on the cable and later to wave to a passing train Dixon made it to the American side in twelve minutes. He rested for about four minutes and then walked the cable to the American flag which he proceeded to wrap around himself. Dixon walked back to the American side where he was picked up in an open carriage and brought back to the Canadian side. Dixon, without pausing to rest, thrilled everyone by walking out on the cable backwards to the floating British flag. He then draped the flag over his shoulder and sat on the cable locking his feet in place. Dixon then returned to his waiting friends who had taken up a liberal collection for him. When Dixon performed this feat he was 38 years old and weighed 138 pounds. There are many, many photos to bear witness to this seemly doubtful performance by a Toronto photographic artist.

The question of whether Dixon would ever perform this stunt again was answered a little over one year later. On Thursday, October 1, 1891 Samuel Dixon announced to his friend Jim Douglas "*I'm going up to Muskoka to shoot a bear".* Dixon wanted to get up to Wood Lake outside of Bracebridge, Ontario before the Toronto Hunt Club came with their dogs to shoot deer knowing they would scare away the bears. On Friday October 2nd Dixon decided he was going to swim across Wood Lake and with his friends on shore set out around noon. A few people were getting nervous about Dixon undertaking this swim and after a while one of the men set out in a boat after him. As the man got within a short distance of Dixon who was now about 200 yards from the opposite shore Dixon was seized by cramps and went under the water. As Dixon came up from under the water, within five feet of the man in the boat, Dixon suddenly went under once more and was not seen alive again. His body was recovered two days later. Samuel John Dixon was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery (Plot F, Section 5, Lot 12) on October 6, 1891.

Although Samuel Dixon was only 39 years old when he died it is an understatement to say he lived his life to the fullest. We can only speculate what he may have accomplished given more time.

AFTERWORD

The most wonderful thing about researching an item found by chance is the amazing stories that unfold about lives forgotten. The photograph I found of the mysterious unknown woman was the best three dollars I ever spent. Samuel J. Dixon had his shop not 30 feet from the building I took my first real summer job in 1967 in Toronto. I walked past this location of 4 King St. W. literally hundreds of times over the years. Yet the name of Samuel Dixon was completely unknown to me. I am so thankful to have had a brief virtual moment to spend with him. What an amazing individual he was.

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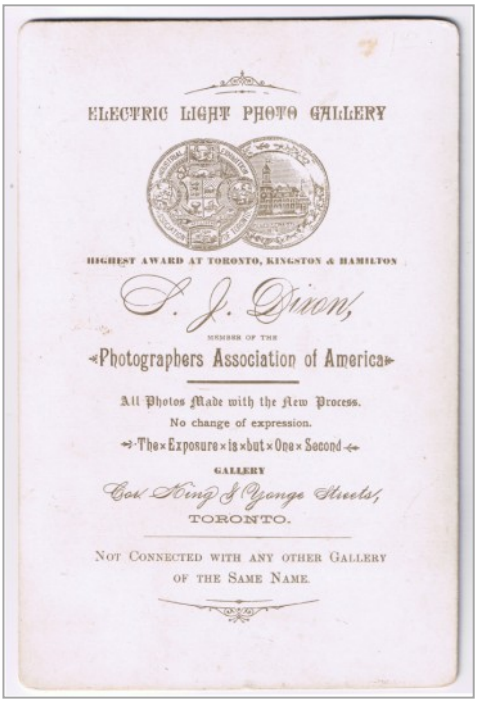
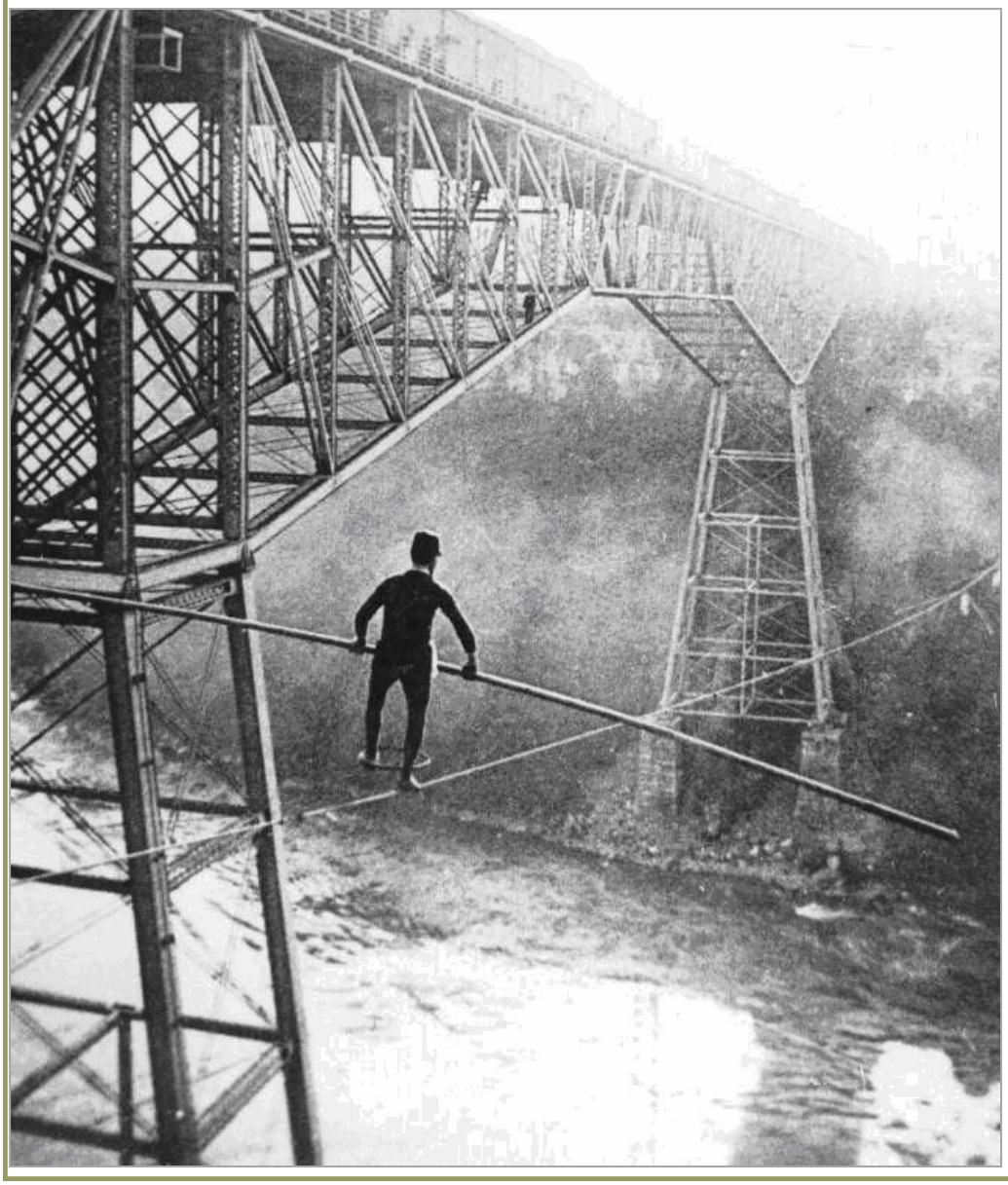
[1] This is a Starbucks coffee location in 2014.
[2] S.J. Dixon was located at the corner of King and Yonge St. (4 King W.) from 1880–1885 only.
[3] The Photographic Times and American Photographer. Volume 13, 1883. Page 642-643.
[4] History of Toronto and County of York Ontario, Volume 1, 1885 Page 501
[5] The American Journal of Photography, Almanac for 1889. Page 17
[6] The Hamilton Spectator, June 27, 1887.
[7] The Globe, Toronto, Monday September 8, 1890 Page 5.
[8] Account compiled from several different reports in the Toronto Globe, Hamilton Spectator and Buffalo News, Monday September 8, 1890.
[9] The Globe, Toronto, Saturday October 3, 1891. Page 20
[10] Scott E. Douglas . The Toronto Industrial Exhibition - How important was a prize medal? RCNA journal July/August 2012 page 372-374.

This is the photograph that lead me on my journey. One of the medals Dixon won for his Electric Light Photo Gallery display at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, later known as the Canadian National Exhibition, is illustrated on this cabinet photo. This large size bronze medal was awarded to Dixon in 1883.

These medals (LeRoux 1465) were awarded between 1883-1886 and 1888-1896. In 1883 the Exhibition awarded 5 gold, 108 silver and 189 bronze medals to 151 different exhibit classes. The highest award for the photography class was likely bronze but the physical medal was not as important as the bragging rights that came with such an award.





Samuel J Dixon crossing the Niagara gorge on September 6, 1890. Note the people on the Cantilever bridge.

Scott E. Douglas
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SPREAD THE WORD!!! SWCS IS HAVING A SPECIAL AUCTION WED. APRIL 1ST, 2015 –
MANY ITEMS' RESERVES ARE MORE THAN 55% BELOW MARKET, SOME ARE BELOW FACE VALUE.
ALSO SEVERAL LOTS' FULL PROCEEDS TO THE CLUB!!!

	South Wellington Coin Society Wed., April 1st, 2015 Auction Sheet	Trends / Mkt	Reserve	Your Bid	Winning Bid
1	Proof 2000 Gibraltor 160th Anniversary of Penny, £5 Titanium Crown Tuppenny Blue Coin, 36.10mm, 10gm, mintage 15,000	$60.00	$25.00		
2	Jason Islands (Islas Sebaldes) 5 note proof set: 50P, and 1, 5, 10 and 20 £ notes	$45.00	$12.00		
3	Lazereto (Colombia) 1921RH (KM-L10), Lepers Colony, Copper-Nickel, 2 Centavos, ICCS F15	Proceeds to club	$0.25		
4	Lot of 2: U.S. 1990 Silver Eagle, ICCS MS-67; and U.S. 2005P T2 Ocean View Nickel, SGS MS70	$45.00	$15.00		
5	1974 / 2031 Red Panda 50 Rupees Kingdom of Nepal World Wildlife Fund / IUCNNR, .925 Silver, 42mm, 35gm / ASW 1.0409, Conservation Collection, Proof AND Papua New Guinea 1975 First Day Cachet Proof Coin and Stamp	$55.00	$25.00		
6	1861 Bank of Clifton (PE), $5 banknote, Plate A, Serial 3440, PCGS certified About New 50	$250.00	$90.00		
7	Lot of 8 Australian Coins: 1939 - XF-Penny Bronze, XF-Shilling .925 Silver, XF-6P .925 Silver, VF-XF-Florin .925 Silver; 1996 S & C Sir Henry Parkes Unc Dollars; 1997 S & C Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Unc Dollars	$230.00	$65.00		
8	Cuba 1920 20 Centavos, ICCS VF20, .900 Silver / ASW .1447 oz	Proceeds to club	$3.00		
9	Melbourne / Victoria (Australian) Peace & Plenty Copper Penny 1858, 34mm, 15.53gm, Heaton & Sons Mint	$35.00	$8.00		
10	1929 Banque Canadienne Nationale $10 banknote 85-12-04, Beique-Leman, Check Letter B, serial 1417098, BCS certified VF20	$300.00	$85.00		
11	Switzerland 1975 2 Franc, Copper-Nickel, ICCS MS65	$12.00	$4.00		
12	Lot of 2: U.S. 1972 Eisenhower Proof Silver Dollar, ASW .3161 oz; and U.S. 2000P Sacagawea Dollar ICCS MS65	$25.00	$10.00		
13	1852-1860 Puerto Rico 1/4 Almud Brass used at coffee farm owned by Francisco Baco-Patxot	$24.00	$8.00		
14	Venezuela 1954(p) 50 Centimos, ICCS F15, .835 Silver / ASW .0671 oz	Proceeds to club	$0.50		
15	Lot 12 African notes (mostly UNC): 2 Mozambique, 3 Nigeria, Suriname, Gambia, 2 Kenya, Biafra, Uganda, Zambia	$180.00	$60.00		
16	1940s Sergeants Club (Nfld Base Command) Cdn. Armed Forces 5¢ token #7	$35.00	$10.00		
17	U.S. 2004 Silver Eagle "Collector Club Edition", PCGS MS69	$70.00	$25.00		
18	Cdn. mixed roll: 1950 - 2006 5¢ – mostly better grades (FV $2)	Proceeds to club	$1.95		
19	2010 Canadian Tire $1 token	Proceeds to club	$0.90		
20	Lot of 3: 1997 Tetley Lost World tokens - #4 Pachycephalosaurus, #3 Velociraptor, #8 Pteranodon	$15.00	$6.00		
21	1920s Woodmen of the World (WOW, Omaha, Nebraska) Copper One Penny - Dum Tacet Clamat - KN191	$15.00	$3.00		
22	1891 Trier, Heiligen Rockes Church Token	$35.00	$12.00		
23	Cdn. 1919 .925 Silver George V 10 Cents and 1910-1935 1¢ Stamp RCM Set	$15.00	$4.00		
24	Cdn. roll of 2004P Lest We Forget colourized Poppy Quarters	$35.00	$12.00		
25	Ireland 1939 Florin, ICCS VF20, .750 Silver / ASW .2727 oz	$15.00	$6.00		
26	Lot of 2 France: Double Tournais Louis XIII (1610 - 1648) and Double Tournais Bouillon - Sedan, Maurice Frederick (1623 - 1652)	$80.00	$30.00		
27	Switzerland 1913B & 1914B & 1921B Franc, .835 Silver / ASW .1342 oz, ICCS F15 & F12 & VG8	$16.00	$7.00		
28	Perth Mint 2013 colourized 2-coin dollar set, Lunar Good Fortune, mintage 1,500, .999 Silver Proof, Year of Snake	$195.00	$80.00		
29	Lot 3 Panama ICCS Coins: 1930 1/4 Balboa .900 Silver / ASW .1808 oz, MS63; 1934 Balboa .900 Silver / ASW .7734 oz, AU50; 1934 1/2 Balboa .900 Silver / ASW .3617 oz, VF20	$225.00	$85.00		
30	Lot 3 Panama ICCS Coins: 1962 1/2 Balboa .900 Silver / ASW .3617 oz, Low Relief (KM-12.2) , VF30; 1971 Balboa .900 Silver / ASW .7734 oz, PF64; 1975 2-1/2 Centesimos Copper-Nickel (KM-34.1), MS64	$65.00	$22.00		
31	Lot 2 Peru ICCS F15 Sol .500 Silver / ASW .4019 oz Coins (KM-218.1): 1924 & 1926	$32.00	$16.00		
32	Mexico 1951 50 Centavos .300 Silver / ASW .0642 oz, ICCS AU50	Proceeds to club	$3.00		
33	Mexico 1966 Peso .1000 Silver / ASW .0514 oz, ICCS MS63	Proceeds to club	$1.50		
34	Mexico 1968M0 25 Pesos .720 Silver / ASW .5208 oz, ICCS AU50	$22.00	$10.00		
35	Lot of 3 rolls Cdn. Special Edition / Commemorative 25¢ - better grades (FV $30)	$45.00	$27.00		
36	1949 South Africa 5 Shilling .800 Silver / ASW .7273 oz	$24.00	$11.00		
37	1951 South Africa 5 Shilling .500 Silver / ASW .4546 oz	$20.00	$9.00		
38	1952ND South Africa 5 Shilling .500 Silver / ASW .4546 oz	$18.00	$8.00		
39	1872S Finland 50 Pennia .750 Silver / ASW .0615 oz VF-XF	$50.00	$17.00		
40	1974B India 10 Rupee Cupro-Nickel (KM-189 India-Republic), Bombay Mint, VF-XF, Planned Families Food For All	$15.00	$6.00		

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MANY ITEMS' RESERVES ARE MORE THAN 55% BELOW MARKET, SOME ARE BELOW FACE VALUE.
ALSO SEVERAL LOTS' FULL PROCEEDS TO THE CLUB!!!

	South Wellington Coin Society Wed., May 6th, 2015 Auction Sheet	Trends / Mkt	Reserve	Your Bid	Winning Bid
1	Lot of 3 Austria Maria Theresa Thaler 1780 SF Restrike .833 Silver / ASW .7517 oz, 41mm : ICCS MS64, ICCS MS63, and an EF40 (stain streak on reverse)	$105.00	$40.00		
2	Lot of 2 Nicaragua: 1898 5 Centavos ICCS VF20 (KM 8) Copper-Nickel and 1887H 10 Centavos ICCS F12 .800 Silver / ASW.0643 oz (KM 3)	proceeds to club	$1.00		
3	1970 Bank of Jamaica 2 Dollars UNC FE667369 Out of Many One People	$25.00	$5.00		
4	Lot of 4 Germany: 1876F 20 Pfennig .900 Silver / ASW .0321 oz ICCS MS63 (KM 5); 1926E 2 Reichsmark ICCS EF40 (KM 45) .500 Silver / ASW .1607 oz; 1864A 3 Pfennige VF30 (KM 98) Copper; 1867B 3 Pfennige EF45 (KM 171.2 Dreier), Copper	$145.00	$55.00		
5	Lot of 18 Canadian Tire: 1859 - 1959 Granby Dollar (stamped RESTAURANT ELITE) bought in 2009 at $18; 7 X 5¢ (2 are counter-stamped for souvenir script); 6 x 10¢; 1 x 25¢; 2 x 50¢; 1 x $1	at least $21.20?	$3.00		
6	Lot of 3: Greece 1873A 1 Drachma .835 Silver / ASW .1342 oz ICCS F15 (KM 38); Greece 1954 50 Lepta ICCS VG8 (KM 80) Copper-Nickel; Denmark ND(1960)(h) S 5 Kroner .800 Silver / ASW .4372 oz ICCS MS64 (KM 852)	$80.00	$32.00		
7	Lot of 5 Cancelled Cheques: 2 x 1908 Sterling Bank of Canada; 1872 Vicksburg Bank; 1877 Chemical National Bank with 2¢ postage stamp; 1928 Bank of Bay Biscayne	proceeds to club	$7.50		
8	Lot of 2 Netherlands: 1932 2-1/2 Gulden .720 Silver / ASW .5787 oz ICCS EF40 Polished (KM 165); ND (1970) 10 Gulden .720 Silver / ASW .5787 oz ICCS MS64 (KM 195) - this is correct, the same ASW in both coins	$70.00	$28.00		
9	Lot of 11 CNA 2008 Convention Scrip: WM2008913B, CTC2008063, CN2008004RS, MR2008090B, P2008138B, C2008236T, C2008323M, R2008037H, S2008140B, CD2008120B, BC2008079R	proceeds to club	$3.00		
10	Lot of 12 (9 are UNC) Japanese 1942-44 notes issued for various nations and colonies they conquered: One Centavo PY; One Dollar MO; Five Centavos PQ; Five Rupees BB; Ten Centavos P / A I; 2 Ten Rupees BA; Ten Dollars MP; 2 Ten Pesos (one is PE and	$63.00	$22.00		
11	1870 Anticosti Island Token - 1/8 Dollar, Lovitt Die, St. Lawrence River, AU	$160.00	$45.00		
12	Vatican Year XXII 1867R 1 Lira ICCS F12 (Pius IX) (Rome Mint) (KM 1378) .835 Silver / ASW .1342 oz	proceeds to club	$2.00		
13	1885 OXO "L'Argent,,," collector card; Dominion of Canada Temporary War Ration Card TO-S 510732; 1945-1946 Canada Gasoline Licence and Ration Coupon Book A 316769	$55.00	$12.00		
14	Guatemala 1882 1/4 Real ICCS AU50 (KM 151) .835 Silver / ASW .0207 oz	proceeds to club	$1.00		
15	CNA 2008 Autograph Card Set of 8 cards includes Copper convention medal, autographs of designers and numismatists such as Cecily Mok, Susan Taylor, Jose Osio, Christie Paquet, Cosme Saffioti, Stan Witton; AND 7 of Fred Freeman's RCNA CoinKids cards of which includes actual coins: Cda 1987 50¢ PL, Terry Fox Dollar, "Lucky" Loonie Dollar PL, 1919 One Cent	$30.00	$8.50		
16	BR 795 1889 P H Desilets, Ottawa, ICCS AU55	$225.00	$65.00		
17	2000 Liberia $5 Mulit-Coloured Bald Eagle Brilliant UNC 40mm Copper-Nickel	proceeds to club	$5.00		
18	1831 Great Britain Official Bronze Coronation of William IV Medal - AE 33mm, by Wyon, obv. Bust of William IV facing right, rev. Bust of Adelaide Queen Consort, BHM.1475, BCM (Eimer) 1251, Wollaston xvi, chocolat brown	$125.00	$38.00		
19	Lot of 5 notes (all UNC): $20 Guyana (Ferry Vessel Malali); 5 Pesos Philippines (1949 La Solidaridad); 2 Piso Pilipinas (1949); 10 Pesos Mexico (1977); 100 Cruzeiros Brasil	proceeds to club	$5.00		
20	1963 - 1983 Kent Coin Club 20th Anniversary .925 Silver Proof Medal (only 50 were made)	$65.00	$15.00		
21	Lot of 2 Cda 1870 - 1970 B Manitoba Centennial Nickel Dollar in RCM case, BU	proceeds to club	$8.00		
22	1907 Jeremiah Gibbs Numismatist (20 Ashley St., Hamilton, Ontario) BU token	$50.00	$15.00		
23	U.S. 1732 - 1982 Mintmark S .900 Silver / ASW .3617oz Half Dollar "250th Anniversary of the birth of George Washington" Proof	$20.00	$8.00		
24	Lot of 16 Cda: Grey Cup Loonie EF; 4 colourized 25¢ BU-AU; 8 25¢ EF-AU (includes Tecumseh); 3 VF-EF-AU One Cent (FV $4.03)	proceeds to club	$3.85		
25	Portugal 1898 1000 Reis ICCS VF30 .917 Silver / ASW .7370 oz 400th Anniversary Discovery of India	$32.00	$13.00		
26	Spain 1870 OM 10 Centimos ICCS F12 Copper	proceeds to club	$0.50		
27	Italian Papal States 1796 2-1/2 Baiocchi (Viterbo Mint) ICCS F12 Copper (Pius IV)	$125.00	$38.00		
28	South Africa 1948 Red Penny Bronze ICCS MS65 (KM 34.1) AND 1941 3 Pence F12 (KM 26) .800 Silver / ASW .0363 oz	proceeds to club	$1.50		
29	Russia 1800EM 2 Kopek Copper Plain Edge (KM N335) EF45 Novedels,Bitkin-116, Br-79, Paul I	$150.00	$42.00		
30	British West Africa 1908 1/10 Penny ICCS MS65 (KM 1) Aluminum	$30.00	$11.00		
31	Denmark 1899 (h) 5 Ore EF (KM 794.2) Bronze	$90.00	$22.00		
32	Vatican Year XXII 1868R 10 Soldi (50 Centesimi - Pius IX) ICCS VF20 (Rome Mint) (KM 1376) .835 Silver / ASW .0671 oz	proceeds to club	$3.00		
33	Last Coin Issue of Newfoundland set of 6 capsulated coins (VF-EF) in beautiful mahogany display case: 1947C One Cent, 1947C Silver Five Cent, 1947C Silver Ten Cent, 1912 Silver Twenty Cent, 1919C Silver Twenty-Five Cent, 1919C Silver Fifty Cent	$115.00	$45.00		
34	Uruguay 1857D 20 C ICCS VF20 (KM 9) Copper	$15.00	$4.00		
35	Lot of 2: Chile 1881 Decimo ICCS F12 (KM 136.3) .500 Silver / ASW .0402 oz AND Mexico 1866MO Peso ICCS F12 (scratches)(KM 388.1) .903 Silver / ASW .7859 oz	$32.00	$12.00		
36	Ecuador 1889 2 Decimos (DOS) ICCS VF20 (KM 51.1) .900 Silver / ASW .1447 oz	$18.00	$6.50		
37	Lot of 2 Panama: 1904 10 Centesimos .900 Silver / ASW .1447 oz ICCS VF30 (KM 3) AND 1916 2-1/2 Centesimos ICCS F12 (KM 7.2) Copper-Nickel	$28.00	$9.00		
38	2011 RCM Lunar Lotus - Year of the Rabbit (S) Proof $15, .925 Silver, 38mm, 26.29gm, grey silk case and COA	$115.00	$34.00		
39	2010 RCM Lunar Lotus - Year of the Tiger (S) Proof $15, .925 Silver, 38mm, 26.29gm, grey silk case and COA	$130.00	$48.00		
40	Cda 1898 F2 Five Cent Slender 8 ICCS VF20 .925 Silver 1.16gm	$60.00	$25.00		

IONIKON ISLANDS NUMISMATIC PAST

Wikipedia / Internet: The obol (ancient Greek: ὀβολός *obolos*, literally "spit, iron rod" plural: ὀβολοί *oboloí*; hence also obolus, obolos) was an ancient silver coin. In Classical Athens, there were six obols to the drachma (literally "handful"); it could be exchanged for eight *chalkoi* (χαλκοί "copper pieces"). Two obols made a *diobol*, weighing around 1.41-1.43 grams of silver. *Triobols* were also in use. In English, the coin is usually called an obol, another name for a halfpenny. An *obelískos* (ὀβελίσκος, obelisk) is a "small obol", called so in jest because of its huge size.

According to Plutarch, the Spartans had an iron obolus of four chalkoi. Sparta chose to retain the use of the cumbersome, impractical "oboloi" rather than coins proper, so as to discourage the pursuit of wealth (see Plutarch, Lycurgus 9). The obolus is also a measurement of weight. In ancient Greece it was defined as one sixth of a drachma, or about 0.5 gram. In ancient Rome it was defined as 1/48 of a Roman ounce, or about 0.57 gram, but was never issued as a coin as part of the early republican coinage system. Below the drachm was the dupondius (1/5) to the quartuncia (1/480). In modern Greece it is equivalent to one decigram, or 0.1 gram.
The word "obolos", also "obelos" (ὀβελός) or "odelos" (ὀδελός) in other dialects, means a long thin metal nail or rod, such as a spit. "Oboloi" were used as currency in early times. They represented small ingots of copper or bronze of standardized weight, and were traded as such. The French archaeologist T. Reinach defined them as *"ustensiles monnais"* i.e. utensils-money. During excavations at Argos in the Peloponnese, several dozens of rod-shaped oboloi were uncovered. They are dated well before 800 BC and they are displayed at the Numismatic Museum of Athens.

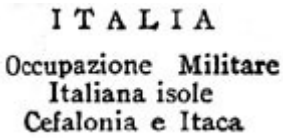
For the price of an obol, one could obtain a kantharos with a chous of wine, equivalent to about six pints (three liters). Three obols was the standard fee paid for a prostitute's services.

The deceased were buried with an obolus, placed in the mouth of the corpse, in order that, once a dead person's shade reached the underworld of Hades, it would be able to pay Charon for passage across the river Acheron. Legend had it that those without enough wealth, or whose friends refused to follow proper burial rites, were forced to wander the banks of the Acheron for one hundred years. The obolus, along with the mirror, was a symbol of new schismatic heretics in the short story "The Theologians" by Argentine author Jorge Luis Borges. In the story's discussion of the circularity of time, eternity, and the transmigration of the soul through several bodies the author uses a quote of Luke 12:59, mistranslated as "no one will be released from prison until he has paid the last obolus" since Luke calls the coin a lepton (a somewhat smaller denomination) rather than an obolus.

THE COINS AND TOKENS OF THE POSSESSIONS AND COLONIES OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (AUSPICIE REGIS ET SENATUS ANGLIAE) by James Atkins published 1889 in London lists 5 coins (30 Oboli—6 varieties, 10 Oboli / Penny, 5 Oboli / Halfpenny, 2-1/2 Oboli / Farthing—2 varieties, and Obolus—8 varieties). It notes the Ionian Islands were taken under the protection of Great Britain in 1815, and remained so until 1864 when they were handed over to the kingdom of Greece. According to Ruding, a copper penny, copper halfpenny, and copper farthing were ordered to be struck for these islands on February 11th, 1819. And on August 23rd, 1834, a silver piece of 30 Oboli, as well as a copper Obolus, was ordered; the latter being of the weight of 240 to the pound.

Now Major Fred Pridmore, THE COINS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS PART 1, EUROPEAN TERRITORIES, Spink & Son Ltd., London, 1960 states: In 1809 the Ionian Islands fell into the hands of Britain, by whom they were formed, in 1815, into the Septinsular Republic. On February 11, 1819 copper coins, consisting of the penny, halfpenny, and farthing were ordered to be struck in England for the Islands. These coins were designed by William Wyon of the Royal Mint. The penny of this series was worth 10 Oboli, making the farthing equivalent to 2-1/2 Oboli. The coins were struck in 1819 and 1820. According to mint records, 77 tons of pence, 77 tons of halfpence, and 44 tons of farthings were struck in 1819.

The Ionian Islands consisted of seven Islands: Corfu, Paxos, Lefkas, Cephalonia, Ithaca, Cerigo and Zante. The Islands were given by Great Britain to Green in 1864. In 1941 the Italians occupied the Islands until 1943, when the German Forces continued the occupation. Stamps of Greece and Italy were overprinted and used for postage during Italian and German occupation. See next page for coins, banknote and stamp for the Ionian Islands. Here's 3 samples of stamp overprints during occupation:



1 Lepton, 1821, Copper, 2.5gm, 19mm, KM 30

1 Lepton, 1834-1862, Copper, 1.78gm, 16.5mm, KM 34

2 Lepta, 1819-1820, Copper, 4.67gm, 22mm, KM 31

1 Obol, 1819, Copper, 9.47gm, 28mm, KM 32

2 Oboli, 1819, Copper, 18.57gm, 35mm, KM 33

30 Lepta, 1834-1862, Silver .9250, 1.41gm, 17mm, KM 35

1941 Greece UNA 1 DRACHMA Ionian Islands Issues

This is the 1859 blue Queen Victoria Ionian stamp.

The Ionian Islands issued only 3 different stamps in 1859. Each stamp has the same picture of Queen Victoria and they differ by the stamp color.

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AUCTION LIST FOR MARCH 4TH, 2015

LOT	DESCRIPTION	EST. VALUE	RESERVE	YOUR BID	WINNING BID
1	U.S.A. 1922 Peace dollar silver	$30.00	$15.00		
2	Canada 1957 dollar silver	$25.00	$12.50		
3	Canada 1955 dollar silver Arnprior	$60.00	$25.00		
4	New Brunswick 1864 large cent long 6	$11.00	$4.00		
5	New Brunswick 1861 large cent	$6.00	$2.00		
6	New Foundland 1917 fifty-cent silver	$15.00	$6.00		
7	Canada 1907 fifty-cent silver	$15.00	$6.00		
8	Canada 1912 fifty-cent silver	$20.00	$8.00		
9	Canada 1914 fifty-cent silver	$20.00	$8.00		
10	Canada 1917 fifty-cent silver	$14.00	$6.00		
11	Canada 1941 fifty-cent silver		$5.00		
12	Canada 1943 far 3 fifty-cent silver		$5.00		
13	Canada 1958 fifty-cent silver		$5.00		
14	U.S.A. 1944 half dollar silver	$ 10.00	$6.00		
15	U.S.A. 1953 half dollar silver		$5.00		
16	Canada 1903 twenty-five cent silver	$11.00	$4.00		
17	Canada 1908 twenty-five cent silver	$15.00	$5.00		
18	Canada 1909 twenty-five cent silver	$17.00	$ 5.00		
19	Canada 1949 twenty-five cent silver	$12.00	$ 5.00		
20	Canada 1967 twenty-five cent silver		$ 2.50		
21	Canada 1951 roll of nickels EF or better		$ 4.00		
22	Canada 1927 bag of two nickels	$8.00	$ 1.00		
23	Canada 1932 bag of two nickels	$12.00	$ 1.50		
24	Canada 1934 bag of two nickels	$10.00	$ 1.00		
25	Canada 1938 nickel	$4.00	$ 1.00		
26	Canada 1940 bag of two nickels	$5.00	$ 1.00		
27	Canada 1941 bag of three nickels	$6.00	$ 1.00		
28	Canada 1943 bag of six nickels	$3.00	$ 1.00		
29	Canada 1944 bag of eight nickels	$8.00	$ 1.00		
30	Canada 1945 tube of 27 nickels	$12.00	$ 1.50		
31	Canada1947 M L bag of two nickels	$1.00	$ 0.50		
32	Canada 1949 bag of 6 nickels	$3.00	$ 1.00		
33	Canada bag of 6 nickels 1950,1951,1955,2x1957 & 1969		$ 1.00		
34	Canada 1964 bag of 10 nickels		$ 1.00		
35	Canada 1967 bag of 19 nickels		$ 1.00		
36	Canada tube of 50 pennies of the 50's		$ 1.00		
37	Canada tube of 50 pennies of the 40's		$ 1.00		
38	Canada tube of 50 pennies of the 40's		$ 1.00		
39	Canada tube of 50 pennies of the 40's		$ 1.00		
40	Canada tube of 52 pennies of the 20's 30's & 40's		$ 1.00		

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